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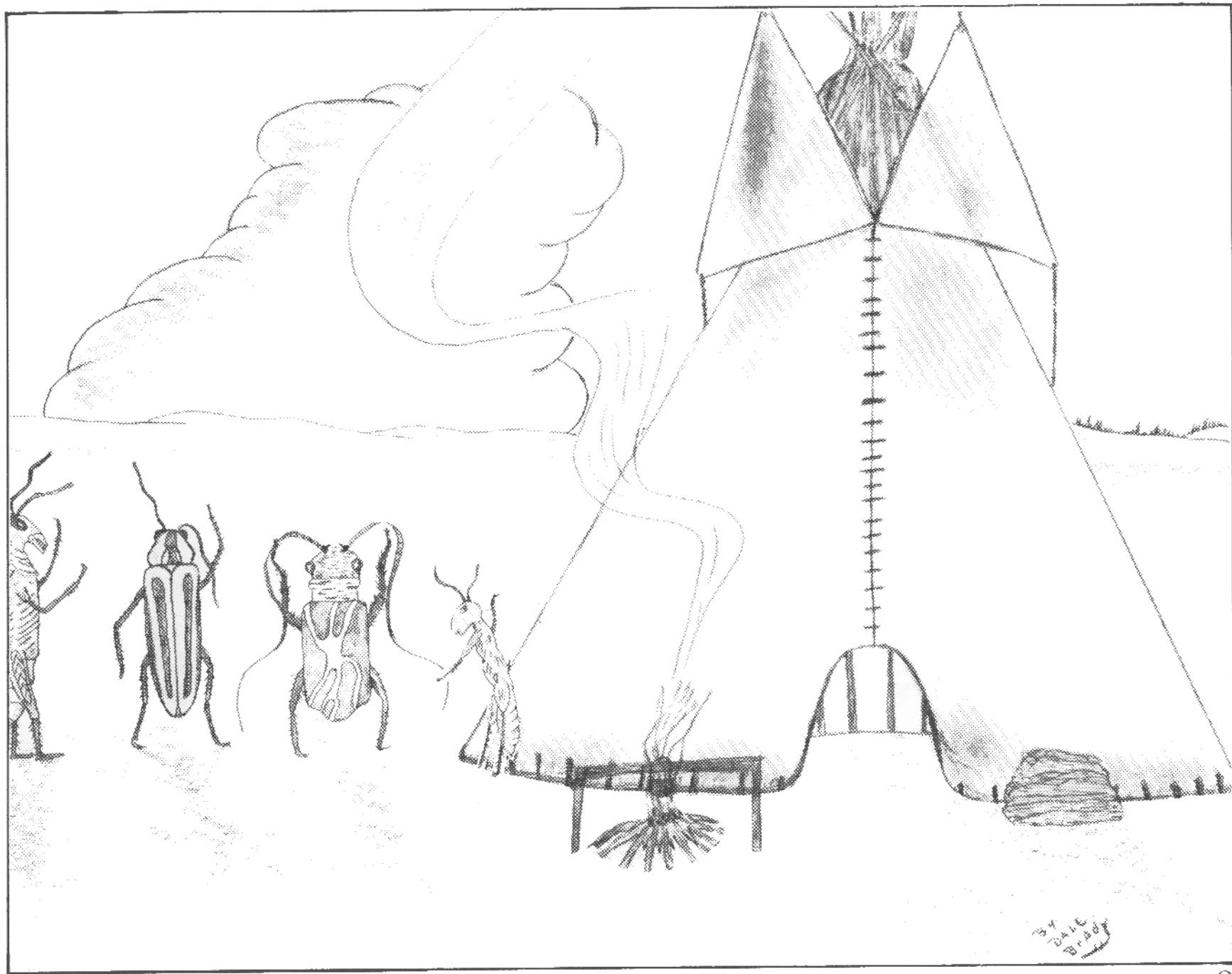
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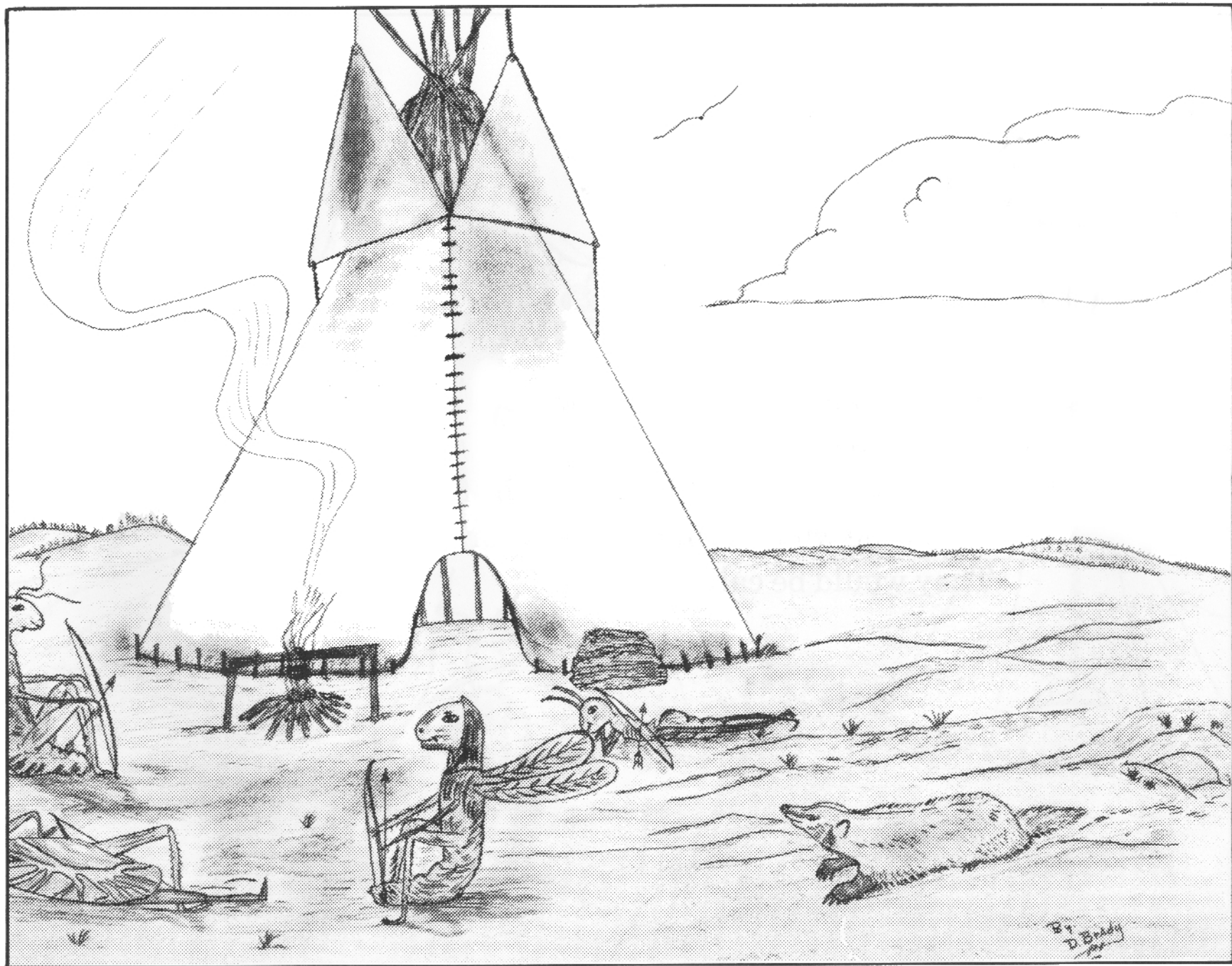
This Northern Cheyenne legend is about some insects who go to war because they have nothing to do.



Grasshopper, Ant, Cricket and Rainbug were friends.
They often got together to visit.
They met at Grasshopper's home.
They met at Ant's home.
At other times they met at Cricket's home
or at Rainbug's home.
The friends liked to visit.



One day they ran out of things to talk about.
Grasshopper, Ant, Cricket and Rainbug
just sat and looked at each other.
There was nothing to do.
Then someone had a great idea.
“Let us go to war,” he said.

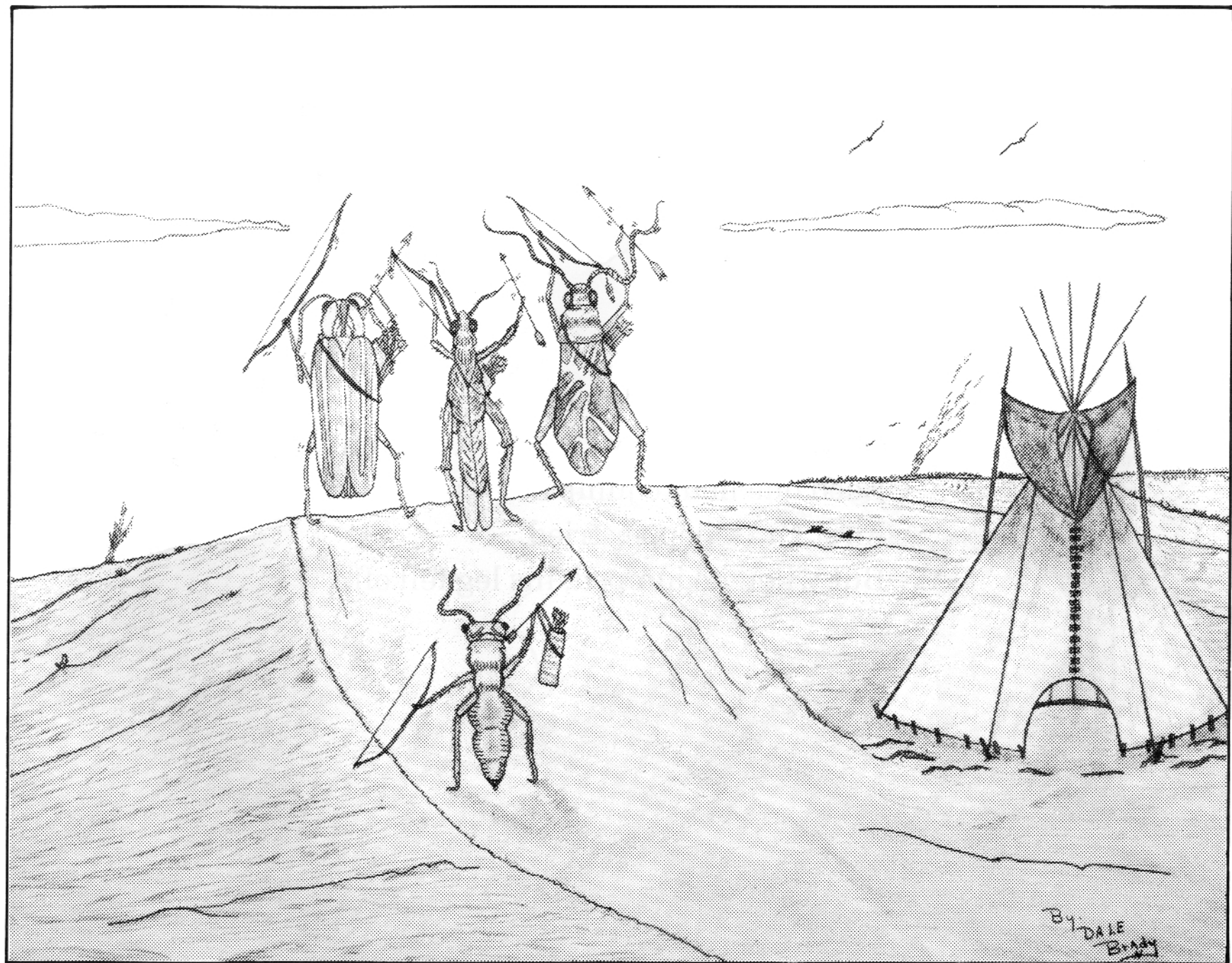


The friends talked about how good it would be
to go to war.

If they went to war, they would be famous.

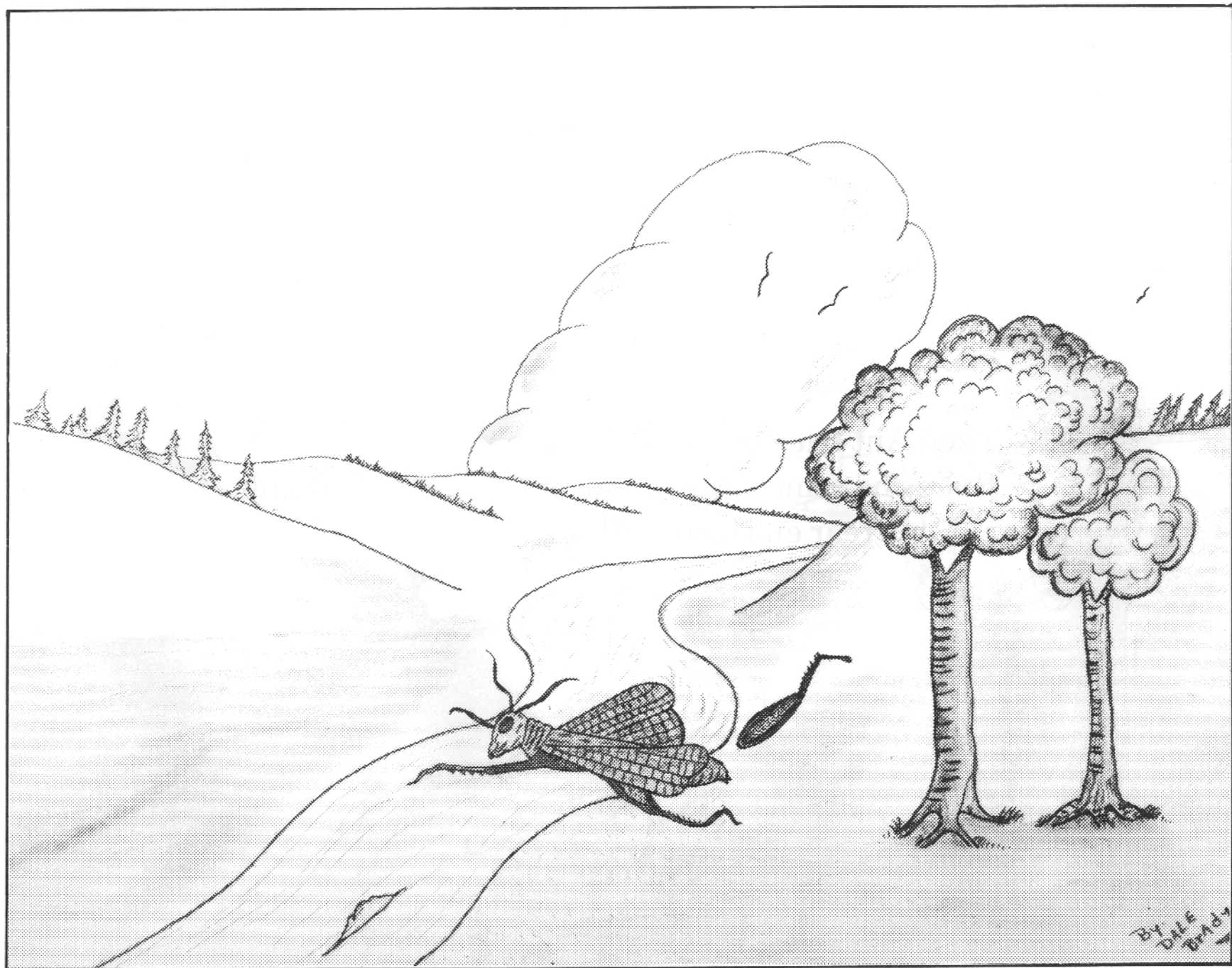
Everyone would talk about how brave they were.

They would be called braves.



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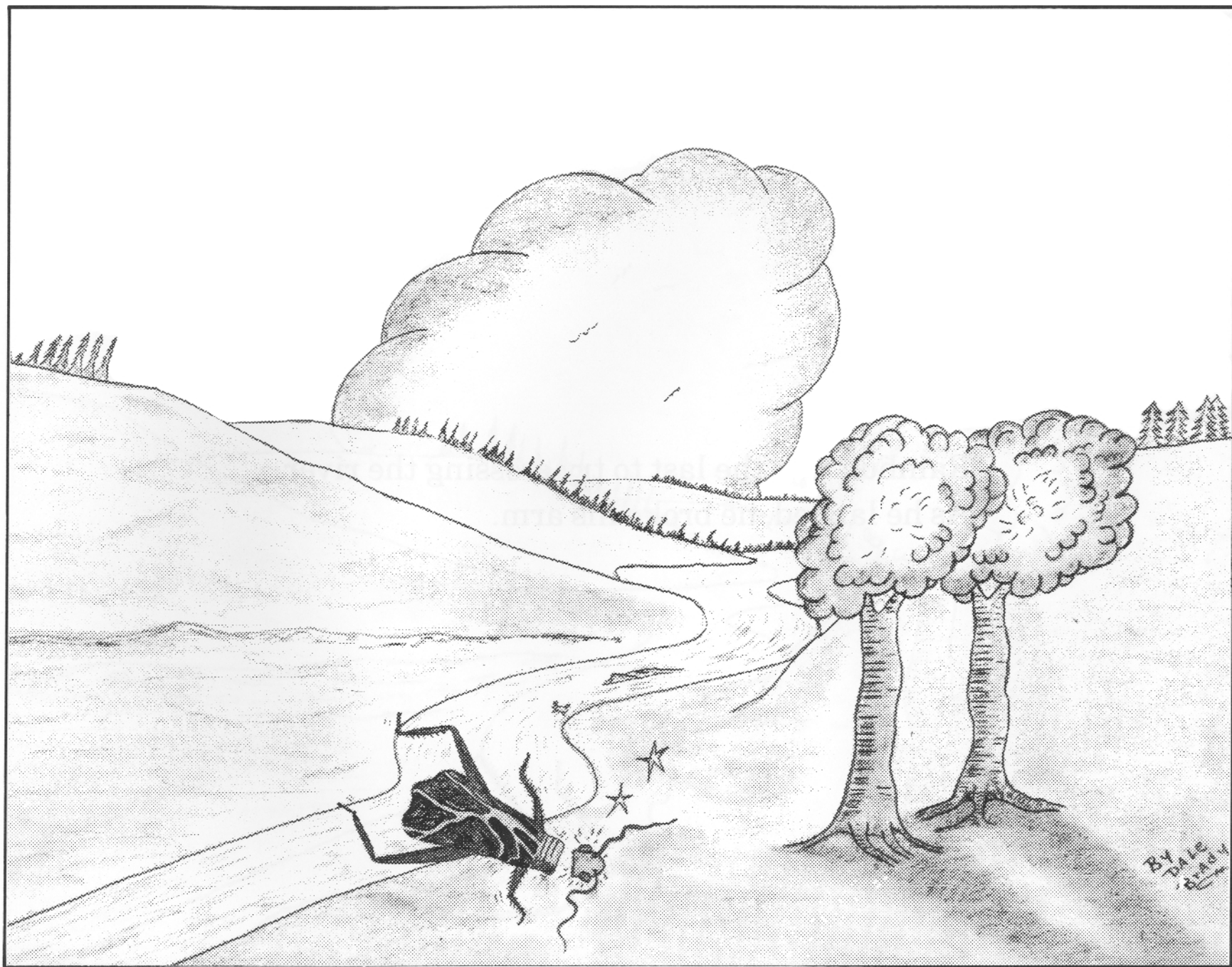
So the four friends set off to war.
On their way, they came to a stream.
Each one had to jump across.
First Grasshopper tried.
But when he jumped, his leg fell off.



Then Ant tried to cross the stream.
But as he came down on the other side of the bank,
his rear end came off!

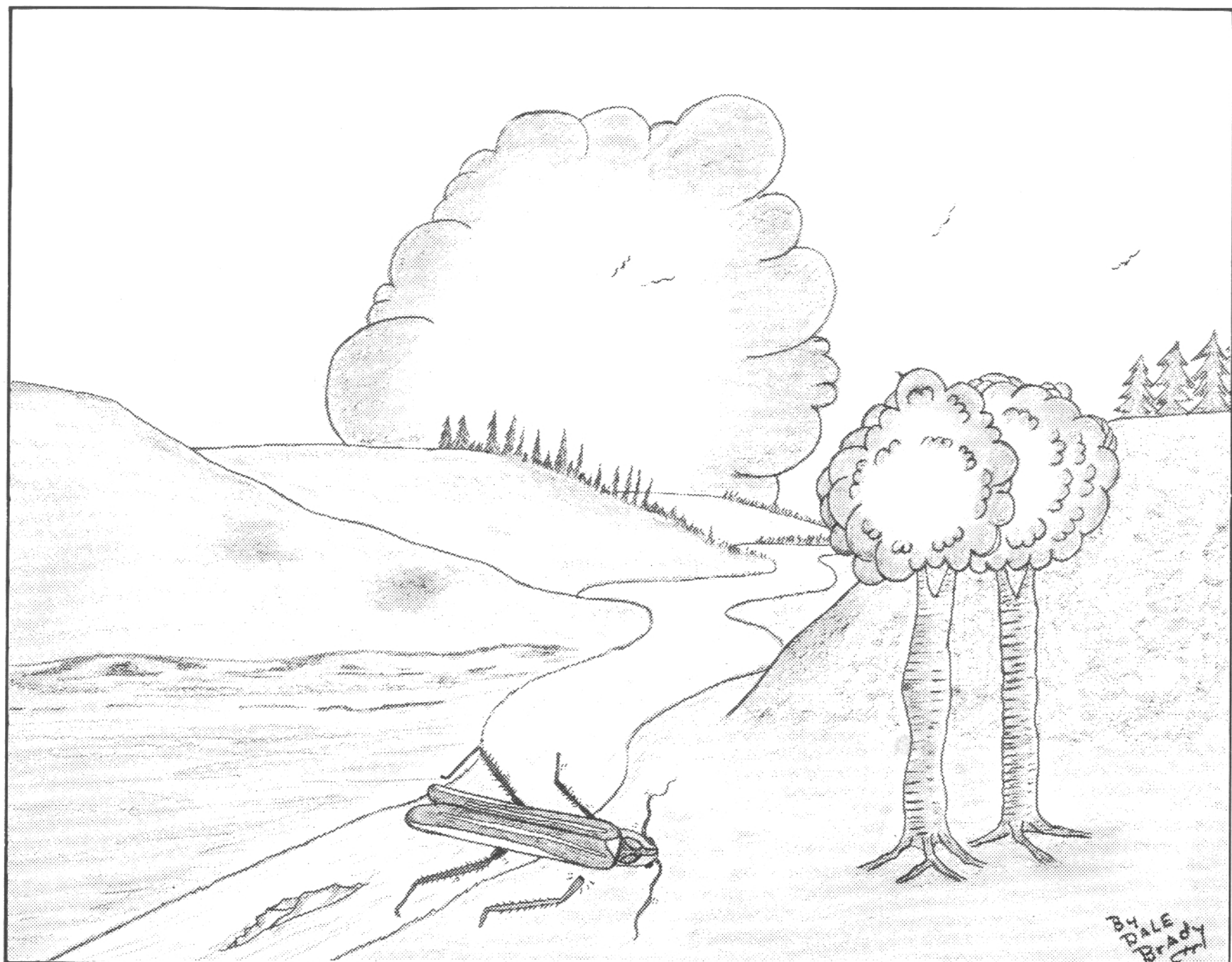


Next to jump across was Cricket.
But he did not land right and broke his neck.



By
DALE
GARDY

Rainbug was the last to try crossing the river.
As he landed, he broke his arm.



Because all the insects had been hurt,
they were stopped from going to war.
So they all went home.

Moral:

**Too much free time and idle talk
will put wrong thoughts in your mind.
Think before you act,
and do not look for personal glory.**

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